

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1135

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Nicole Owens on her selection as the 2021–2022 West High School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Owens is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Owens has been selected as the 2021–2022 West High School Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a math teacher for ten years, Nicole Owens is known as the ACT Queen; she is credited with creating an ACT math preparation curriculum for seniors to help improve scores, which has seen immense success and led to professional development for teachers in testing strategies; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Owens earned her undergraduate degree in math secondary education from Maryville College and a master's degree in curriculum and development from Carson-Newman College; and

WHEREAS, she is most grateful for the love and support of her husband, Hagin; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Owens serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Owens truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Nicole Owens on being chosen as the 2021–2022 West High School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.